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Dear Friends,

Sustainable governance is a fundamental obligation of our generation. It is our responsibility to leave the next generation with a clean, green Land of Lincoln while imparting the necessary skills to preserve our ecosystem in the face of future environmental challenges. This task must begin within state government and I am proud to chair a Green Governments Coordinating Council (GGCC) that sustains a green ethos throughout State operations.

This 2011 GGCC Annual Sustainability Report outlines the innovative sustainability initiatives unfolding across our state agencies, boards, and public institutions. This year we received an unprecedented wealth of quantitative and qualitative data from reporting entities. This data achieves the dual feat of highlighting our successes while providing a roadmap for future improvement. I want to emphasize the contributions of Central Management Services which provided aggregated data from across sectors of State Government.

While our success as an administration is a product of coordinated collaboration, it is also critical to recognize the sustainable contributions of extraordinary individuals within the State. With this aim, I am proud to introduce the new "Caught Green Handed" profiles in the 2011 Report. In these profiles, we seek to highlight and celebrate State Employees who went above and beyond in their green efforts for the State of Illinois. These public servants renew the promise of State government and remind us what we can accomplish through dedicated public service.

I believe this report will reenergize our sustainability efforts and elevate Illinois as a national model of conscientious State governance. Of course, our work is never complete and I know that we will sustain our momentum in future years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Quinn".

Pat Quinn
Governor